--- 20 Cigarettes - tall format - “Rock City / Rothman” [6 - 13D] - 1961-62 ---

--- for “Large” cigarettes - overprinted OVER / 2 ½ Lbs. / PER 1000 ---

As the filter-tip became a rule, and in an effort to increase the amount of tobacco used (since the filter replaced tobacco) in 1962 the pre-war standard of three pounds per thousand *small cigarettes* was restored. For a brief period late in 1961, and early in 1962, prior to the aforementioned legislation change, “Rock City” was producing *over-weight* cigarettes, using stamps overprinted **OVER / 2 ½ Lbs. / PER 1000**, and Lee Brandom has catalogued the imperforate *tall format* overprinted *in blue ink* as **C-395**.

A new cancellation series begins using the 3 mm. Roman wide spaced company code **6 - 13 D** close to the top of the stamp, over a two digit sequence in 5 mm. Gothic placed below center. On the *non-overprinted* stamps these numbers read in an unbroken sequence, and these **OVER / 2 ½ Lbs. / PER 1000** overprints are simply a portion of this sequence.

★**RC-420** - 20 cigarettes, imperf, three line blue overprints, used by Rock City / Rothman in December 1961

[★RC-420]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	22
1962	---	24	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

[★RC-420]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
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1962	---	24	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

This new format using a 3 mm. heavy Roman company code **6-13D**, over a single 5 mm. heavy Gothic number, began just before the weight of small cigarettes was increased from 2½ to 3 pounds per thousand in 1962 to designate their earlier 3 pound production, and subsequently the format continued into the following three pound cigarette sequence from **25**.

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